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Interested Party

This letter is to introduce you to a project that is proposed for planning or implementation in 2015.

The Forest Service, Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District is conducting an analysis for the proposal to perform a combination of vegetation treatment activities in the vicinity of the historic Gibsonville townsite. The project would be implemented as soon as it is feasible after a decision is reached (anticipated July 2016) and should take one to three years to complete. Future maintenance involving the removal of excessive regrowth fire fuels and/or encroaching conifer – generally brush and small trees – in the project area would likely be necessary to retain the desired condition of this landscape and is considered in the scope of this project.

As part of the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 review process (NHPA) and the scoping phase for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation process, we are requesting your comments on the proposed action and potential for undertakings under this analysis to affect historic, religious, and culturally significant properties.

Jamie Moore, Feather River Ranger District Archeologist, is currently reviewing Forest Service records for previously documented cultural properties in the project area. Our goals are to: 1) receive comment on the proposed undertakings; 2) identify historic, religious, and culturally significant properties that could potentially be affected by the proposed action; 3) assess the possible effect; and 4) seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on the properties.

Project Location

The proposed project area is located approximately 6-8 miles northeast of La Porte, California, in and around the historic townsite of Gibsonville (attached map). County Road 511 (Quincy-La Porte Road) traverses the project area.

Public Scoping

Scoping is the first formal step in public participation. The purpose of scoping is to identify the potential issues, concerns, and opportunities associated with the proposed analysis. We need your help to make sure we analyze all the issues and effects that are of concern to you. Please review the enclosed information and send comments that will help us to develop a comprehensive and sound analysis.



An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared to assess and disclose effects of this proposal. Your comments will be considered during the analysis. A decision, as a result of the analysis, will be made by the Responsible Official, Randy Gould, District Ranger at Feather River Ranger District.

At this time, we would like your input based on the Proposed Action. Your comments would be most useful if received by November 27, 2015. A legal notice of this project will be published in the Oroville Mercury Register the paper of record of the Feather River Ranger District. Below is contact information for submitting comments or questions regarding the consultation process:

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We look forward to your comments and participation in this analysis. Your views are important to us as we develop an action plan to achieve the goals of the Plumas National Forest land management plan in partnership with the communities of Sierra Nevada forests.

Sincerely,



RANDALL J GOULD
District Ranger

Enclosure